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DEATH.

On the 27th January at Camborne, Cornwall, England, W. M. B. ARTHUR (late Hongkong Civil Service) aged 71.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

The relatives of the late Miss MAUDE KENNEDY desire to return thanks to their many friends who kindly extended their sympathy and condolences in their recent bereavement.

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The Daily Press.

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HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 17TH, 1912.

It is extremely satisfactory to read the hopeful, though guarded, statement which Mr. Asquith made on the re-opening of Parliament regarding the probability of an entente being arranged between Great Britain and Germany which is calculated to "clear the air," and relax the tension which the race for armaments has undoubtedly created between the two peoples. It is, as the Premier said, an undoubted and most lamentable fact that the traditional feelings of friendship and goodwill between the two nations has been seriously overclouded during the last few months. The belief has widely prevailed in Germany that during the summer or autumn Great Britain meditated and was even prepared for an aggressive attack on Germany. It may with some truth be said that this belief infected the minds of a good many Englishmen, who saw confirmation in every innocent movement of the British Fleet. As the Premier

remarked, when an atmosphere of suspicion is once created, fiction readily replaces facts, and legends which at other times are dismissed as incredible, are readily accepted and believed. If masses of the German people have believed that England meditated an aggressive attack upon Germany it is no less true that many in the British Isles have regarded the whole naval policy of Germany as having been framed with the deliberate intention of destroying the power and prestige of Great Britain. It would not be incorrect to say that this belief has been largely shared by the British Government, and in the speech recently delivered by Mr. Winterton at Glasgow, he stated the attitude of the nation with such accuracy and clearness as could leave no room for doubt or misapprehension. The First Lord of the Admiralty has been criticised for saying that while a large Navy is a necessity to Great Britain, it is for Germany, from some points of view, in the nature of a luxury. Yet who in Great Britain really disagrees with that statement? The First Lord of the Admiralty has been criticised for using the term "luxury" because it is felt to be needlessly offensive to Germany. For our part we think that inasmuch as Mr. Churchill was but giving expression to the popular view, it is well, when the possibility of an entente is being discussed, that the views on both sides should be stated with the utmost frankness. Mr. Churchill's speech was delivered at a time when Lord Haldane was in Berlin in friendly and confidential communication with those controlling and guiding German policy, and he had doubtless well considered the effect his words were likely to have in Germany. Mr. Asquith told the House of Commons that in the formal and non-committal, rather than "full dress" negotiations in which Lord Haldane had been engaged, there had been perfect freedom of statement and frankness over a wide area of discussion, and the very fact of such an interchange of views under such conditions ought in itself to dispel suspicion wherever it still prevailed that the British Government had ever contemplated aggressive designs. Similarly it should also dispel suspicion in Great Britain regarding Germany's intentions. Both Governments, animated by "a sincere and resolute desire" for the establishment of a better Anglo-German footing, without either side in any way securing or impairing the special relationship in which each stands to other Powers, are now engaged in a careful survey of practical possibilities. This is a most welcome statement, and a happy issue to these efforts will be most ardently desired by every nation in the world; for all are spending enormously on what Russia once expressly described as "buying more and more panic of each other." Nearly fifty years ago Russia prophesied that the soldier's office "which is supposed to be the defence of his country against other countries" was an office which—"Utopian as you may think the saying—will soon now be extinct." "I say so fearlessly," he wrote, "though I say it with wide war threatened, at this moment, in the East and West. For observe what the standing of nations on their defence really means. It means that, but for such armed attitude, each of them would go and rob the other; that is to say that the majority of active persons in every nation are at present—thieves. I am sorry that this should still be so; but it will not be so long." We have, however, seen this view of the soldier's office not only endure for forty-five years since that confident prediction was penned, but we have witnessed it expand enormously. When, however, we have two of the foremost Naval Powers of the world engaged upon "a careful survey of practical possibilities" for the removal of the alarming suspicions which these growing armaments have engendered between them, may we not believe that the day is at last really about to dawn when civilised nations will cease to believe in the necessity for maintaining huge military establishments for defence against each other? It would be a tremendous gain to civilisation if this should be the outcome of the "conversations" now taking place between Great Britain and Germany.

The Captain and Officers of H.M.S. *Minotaur* were to have given a dance last night but owing to the weather they were obliged to postpone it until to-night.

An old man about 70 years of age, a temple keeper, was crossing the railway line at Tai-po on Wednesday last, when he was knocked down by the 3 p.m. express and killed.

At the Manila Carnival Sports last week Sgt. Drummer Andrews won the 440 yards race, the 880 yards race, and was second in the 220 yards race, all the events being run within three-quarters of an hour on Saturday. This is the third year he has won the quarter and half-mile at Manila.

Brigadier-General F. C. Heath, C.B., Inspector of Royal Engineers, arrived in Hongkong by the s.s. *Assaye*.

The half-yearly meeting of shareholders in the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation takes place at the City Hall at noon to-day.

The Rev. Father Henry Valtorta has been appointed officiating clergyman to the Roman Catholic troops of the garrison with effect from 15th inst., vice the Rev. Father Placzek.

It is announced in our advertisement columns that an extra train will be run on Monday to Sam Chun leaving Kowloon at 10.15 a.m. and calling at Shatin, Tai-po and Fanling.

At the cricket match—Hongkong v. The United Services—which commences this afternoon the Officers of the Fleet will be at home to their friends and the Band of H.M.S. *Minotaur* will be in attendance.

At the Supreme Court yesterday the case of F. Reichmann against T. P. Ivers for \$196.85 was called before Mr. Justice Gompertz. Defendant did not appear, and the hearing was fixed for this morning in chambers.

Vice-Admiral von Krosigk, Commander-in-Chief of the German Far Eastern Cruiser Squadron will be received on landing this morning at Blake Pier by a guard of Honour furnished by the 8th Rajputs. A salute of 15 guns will be fired from the Shore Battery as the Admiral lands.

Important judgments were delivered yesterday by the Appellate Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court in the appeal in the action, *Lai Chi Chin v. Tang Wong Shi*. The plaintiff *Lai Chi Chin* brought an action for malicious prosecution and false imprisonment which was tried before the Puisse Judge, and a jury. The jury having returned answers to certain questions put to them, his Lordship entered judgment for the defendant. From that judgment the plaintiff appealed on various grounds. The Chief Justice held that there had been general misdirection as to the nature of the case and therefore there must be a new trial. The Puisse Judge was of the opinion that the appeal should be dismissed. Stay of execution for a week was granted to consider an appeal to the Privy Council.

CHINA NEW YEAR.

This year is probably the last time that China New Year will be celebrated according to the old style, because the Chinese having decided to come into line with Western ideas will henceforth adopt the Gregorian calendar. This fact helps to explain the lack of enthusiasm which characterises the approaching festival. The Chinese are already getting accustomed to a new year which begins on January 1st, and the old habits and customs associated with the new year festival have become weakened already.

In Hongkong the usual stalls have been erected in Queen's Road and adjoining streets, but the uncertain weather has affected the attendance of Europeans.

With small-pox so prevalent in the Colony it behoves foreigners to be careful as to where they visit at present.

THE HONGKONGSUI COMPENSATION CLAIM.

The hearing of the arbitration brought under the provisions of the Harbour of Refuge Ordinance of 1909 as amended by the Harbour of Refuge Amendment Ordinance, 1911, was continued before the Chief Justice yesterday.

The Government was represented by the Attorney-General (Hon. Mr. Rees Davies, K.C.) and Mr. Eldon Potter, instructed by the Crown Solicitor (Mr. J. H. Kemp), while Mr. M. Slade, instructed by Mr. Needham, of Messrs. Ewans and Harston; Mr. C. E. H. Beavis, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist; and Mr. Holborn, of Messrs. Daydon, Looker and Deacon, represented the various property owners.

Mr. Chapman was called in, order to explain certain figures.

Mr. Slade said he objected to Mr. Potter taking a certain quoted assessment.

Mr. Potter replied that he certainly objected to taking Mr. Ough's problematical assessment as a Government assessment.

After further discussion, Mr. Potter resumed his address to the Court. He contended that in the ordinary course of things the fact of buildings being erected on the reclamation would increase the value of the existing property.

A MANILA SUSPECT.

ARREST EFFECTED YESTERDAY.

After nearly a week's hard work on the part of the detectives, Genaro Hernandez, alias Reyes, was arrested yesterday by Detective Guertin, of the secret service, Manila. Hernandez is wanted in Manila in connection with the counterfeiting of inland revenue stamps of the \$2, \$5 and \$10 denominations. The counterfeiting of these stamps dates as far back as 1909, but the police have been unable until now to lay their hands on Hernandez, who is one of a gang whose names are Casme Guzman, Martin Geronimo, Pablo Aulio de Rivera, Dionisio Ceferrino, Exquill A. Serrano, Loureano Ruesta and Amada F. Roque. Detective Guertin has been working in Hongkong for about a month past, with the assistance of Detective-Inspector O'Sullivan. Hernandez, who is a Filipino, will be before the Court this morning in connection with extradition proceedings.

THE REVOLUTION.

TEXT OF THE ABDICATION EDICTS.

The Edicts are as follows:—
We, the Emperor, have respectfully received the following edicts from the Dowager Empress:—

(1.) In consequence of the uprising of the Republican army to which the people of the provinces responded, the Empire seemed like a boiling cauldron and the people were plunged into misery. Yuan Shih-kai therefore commanded the despatch of Commissioners to confer with the Republicans with a view to a National Assembly being formed to decide upon the form of Government. Months have elapsed without a settlement being reached and it is now evident that the majority of the people are in favour of a Republic. From the preference that is in the people's hearts the will of Heaven is discernible. How could We oppose the desires of millions for the glory of one family? Therefore We, the Dowager Empress, and the Emperor, hereby vest the Sovereignty in the people. Let Yuan Shih-kai organize with full powers a Provisional Republican Government and confer with the Republicans as to the methods of union that will assure peace to the Empire, thus forming a great Republic by the union of Manchus, Chinese, Mongols, Mohammedans and Tibetans.

(2.) According to the Cabinet's memorial embodying the courteous treatment proposed by the people's army, they undertake the responsibility of perpetual sacrifices before the Imperial ancestral temples and mausolea, and also the completion of Kuang Hsu's mausoleum; the Emperor is understood to resign only his political power while the Imperial title is not abolished and the Imperial Kinsmen, Manchus, Mongols, Mohammedans and Tibetans will endeavour to fuse with the Chinese and to remove racial differences and prejudices. Our sincere hope is that peace will be restored and that happiness will be enjoyed under the Republic.

(3.) The third Edict informs the Viceroy and Governors that the Throne is retiring from political power to meet the people's wishes and instructs provincial officials to keep the people quiet. It adds that the Throne's motive is the modelling of a policy in accordance with the progress of the times and at the earnest desire of the people, and solely for the suppression of the great disorder and the restoration of peace.—N. C. Daily News.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

Messrs. Vernon and Smyth in their weekly share report dated February 16th state:—

There has been activity in the local market during the past week, and rates with a few exceptions close with a firmer tendency. Sterling Rubbers are slightly lower on the week, with Fine Hard Para quoted at 4 1/4 sellers. At the Rubber Auction held in London yesterday 500 tons of plantation Rubber was sold realizing 5 1/2 to 5 1/4 per lb., the closing tone of the auction being firm. Singapore "Rubbers" continue lifeless, and no local sales have come to our notice. Bar Silver after advancing to 27 1/2, has declined to 27 1/4 ready; 27 1/4 forward, the closing T. 1. rate being 17 1/8. Discount rates are unchanged at 3 1/2 per cent. (Bank of England) 3 1/2 per cent. (open market rate). Shanghai T. 1. has advanced to 2 1/4.

BANKS.—Hongkong and Shanghai have advanced in London to £26, but the local rate has not yet responded, the closing rate being \$850 buyers after sales at this figure and at \$854.

MARINE INSURANCES.—Unions remain steady with probable buyers at \$850. Cautions have been booked at \$195, and more shares are to be had at \$196. North Chinese are procurable at Tls. 150.

FIRE INSURANCES.—Hongkong have been done at \$300 and Chinese to a small extent at \$130 market closing steady.

SHIPPING.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao have been booked at \$251, and Star Lines at \$27 and \$17 for the old and new respectively. China and Manilla at \$104 and Indos at \$61 (combined) are a selling market, with Douglases quiet but steady at \$21. Shell Transports have advanced to \$7 1/2 with buyers for London account.

REFINERIES.—China Sugars have been done in small lots at from \$108 to \$112, market closing firm at the latter rate. Luzons are procurable at \$37 after sales.

MIXED.—Rubbers continue on offer at \$3 1/2 without attracting buyers. Tronchons after sales at 7 1/6 and 7 1/6 are not now obtainable under 70 1/2. London quoting 77 1/6 (mid. de). Chinese Engineerings have advanced to 37 1/2 after sales at 36 1/2 and 36 1/2.

DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks close quiet but steady at \$45, and Shanghai Docks at Tls. 58. Kowloon Wharves have been booked at \$53 and \$53, and close steady at the latter rate. New Amoy Docks have come to a selling quotation at \$63, but no shares are obtainable under an advance on this. Shanghai and Hongkong Wharves have declined to Tls. 90.

LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.—Hongkong Lands have been booked at \$8, and more shares are obtainable. Kowloon Lands are wanted at \$22 and Humphreys Estates at \$64 after sales. West Points have again been booked at \$50 closing firm. Hongkong Hotels are quiet at \$112 and \$71 for old and new respectively with probable buyers. Shanghai Lands are now quoted at Tls. 90.

COTTON MILLS.—Hongkong's can be placed at \$8. In the North no changes have occurred during the interval and we have no local sales to report.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Campbell, Moore's have advanced to \$22 buyers, and Peak Trams to \$17 and \$17.10 old and new respectively. China Borneos are on offer at \$10, China Providents at \$8, Cements at \$4 after sales at \$4, \$4.15 and \$4, and China Lights at \$1.40. Ices are procurable at \$200, and Ropes at \$17 1/2. Langkats after falling to Tls. 74 are firmer with buyers in the North at Tls. 75 1/2.

LONG-TERM QUOTATIONS.—The following quotations (middle price) were received by wire from London to-day:

United Serangs (ex rights) 108 1/2
Batu Tigas 75 1/2
Sapongs 75 1/2
Ledbury's 60 1/2
London Asiatics 100 1/2
London Ventures 17 1/2
Lingels 35 1/2
E. & I. Trusts 1 1/2 premium
Rubber Trusts 13 1/2 premium
Franklin 77 1/2
Shell Transports, "bearer" 83 1/2
Hongkong Electric Trams 3 1/2

TELEGRAMS.

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

NEW GOVERNOR OF HONGKONG.

SIR HENRY MAY APPOINTED.

LONDON, February 16th.
It is officially announced that Sir Henry May, at present Governor of Fiji and High Commissioner of the Western Pacific, will succeed Sir Frederick Lugard as Governor of Hongkong.

THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT.

LONDON, February 16th.
Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, in the House of Commons, moved a Labour amendment to the Address, regretting that it had no mention of legislation to secure a minimum living wage, nationalisation of railways, mines and other monopolies, and dwell on the world-wide labour unrest. The voice of labour demanded legislation. They could not allow labour and capital to fight out their battles while they looked on. He was convinced that the year would be a troublesome one and full of trials and difficulties.

LATER.
Mr. MacDonald's amendment was rejected by 226 votes to 45, and the amendment of the Unionist, Mr. Peto, seconded by Lord Hugh Cecil, regretting that the Government had taken no steps to promote the co-partnership of capital and labour, was rejected by 195 votes to 97.

Mr. J. M. Robertson, Under Secretary of the Board of Trade, in opposing both amendments, said the Government warmly sympathised with the profit-sharing movement, but no evidence had been produced to show that they could do anything in the matter. He questioned the practicability of the nationalisation of railways or mines, and whether, if effected, it would cure the labour unrest.

PATRONAGE APPOINTMENTS.

LONDON, February 16th.
It is understood that Mr. Bonar Law will move at an early date for the return of all patronage appointments made by the Government.

ANGLO-AUSTRALIAN CRICKET.

LONDON, February 16th.
In delightful weather and in the presence of a fair attendance, the Marylebone team commenced a match against New South Wales on a perfect wicket. The home batsmen were dismissed for 106, Easter taking seven for 38. Marylebone scored 183 for the loss of two wickets.

KING GEORGE HONOURED BY THE SULTAN.

LONDON, February 16th.
The Sultan of Turkey has conferred on King George the Order of Intiaz, set with brilliants. This simultaneous bestowal of two of the highest Turkish decorations is unprecedented.

AMERICAN GENERAL'S OFFENCE.

LONDON, February 16th.
A telegram from Washington states that Adjutant-General Ainsworth will be relieved of his duties and court-martialled for using language which the Secretary for War, Mr. Stimson, considered impugned the integrity of himself and other officers.

TOKYO TRAMWAYS LOAN.

LONDON, February 16th.
It is announced that the preliminary arrangements have been made for the issue of a loan of nine millions sterling in bonds bearing interest at 5 per cent. to the City of Tokyo, to acquire the tramway and electric light undertakings.

BRITISH COLUMBIA AND ORIENTALS.

LONDON, February 16th.
The Premier of British Columbia, Mr. McBride, has introduced in the Legislative Assembly a resolution suggesting the enactment of the Natal Act to restrict the immigration of Orientals.

THE DALAI LAMA.

LONDON, February 16th.
Reuter's correspondent at Calcutta telegraphs that the Dalai Lama is returning to Lhasa and that much excitement prevails among the Tibetans.

THE PRINCE OF WALES.

LONDON, February 16th.
The Prince of Wales enters Magdalen College, Oxford, at Michaelmas.

TELEGRAMS.

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

THE REVOLUTION.

YUAN RECOMMENDED AS PRESIDENT.

Reuter's correspondent at Nanking telegraphs that Sun Yat Sen and the members of the Republican Cabinet have tendered their resignations to the Republican National Assembly. They strongly recommended the election of Yuan Shih Kai as President of the Republic.

The election of a new President is fixed for to-day.

[This is in accordance with the undertaking given by the Provisional Government.]

THE WRECK OF THE "DELHI."

LONDON, February 16th.

The Board of Trade inquiry into the circumstances attending the wreck of the *Delhi* has been opened.

Captain Hayward deposed that he visited the Duke of Fife's cabin at 9.30 on the evening of the 12th December and returned to the bridge at 11.20. A sharp look-out was kept for Sparte light, but the night was one of the dirtiest he had experienced and the glasses were of no use. The Captain became uneasy at midnight as no light had been picked up and he gave orders to slow down and take soundings. Deep water was sounded, and he steered westerly for an hour. A second sounding revealed sand and he returned to the old course. He held a consultation with the second officer and they decided that they could not have passed Sparte light as there was too much sea. All the time they tried to pick up Sparte light. When he saw the breakers he ordered full speed astern. He attributed the obscuring of the light to a local haze.

ANGLO-GERMAN RELATIONS.

LONDON, February 16th.

It is stated in official circles here that the work of making "a survey of practical possibilities" with a view to "creating a better Anglo-German footing" begun by Lord Haldane is now being carried on in the usual channels.

Reuter's correspondent at Berlin telegraphs that in the debate in the Reichstag on the estimates several members having referred to Mr. Asquith's speech, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg expressed himself in harmony with Mr. Asquith. He added "Lord Haldane, though not authorised to conclude binding agreements, but yet acting on behalf of the British Cabinet, discussed with us points on which the interests of the two countries come in contact. In order to establish a basis of confidential relations this exchange of views, which we gladly welcomed, took place in the course of numerous exhaustive and frank conversations and would be continued (cheers). I am unable to say more at present. I wished to acquaint the Reichstag at the earliest moment with those conversations and their object."

LATER.
Mr. Asquith's speech is generally welcomed by newspapers of all shades of opinion in England and Germany, and the hope is expressed that the statesmen will earnestly press their efforts for a satisfactory settlement between the two nations.

LATER.
A Berlin telegram states that the *Taegliche Rundschau* announces that Baron von Stumm, of the Foreign Office, will probably proceed to London to assist Count Metternich in further negotiations, while the King and the Kaiser will exchange visits, and a British squadron will call at German ports during the course of the year.

LOCAL SPORT

CRICKET.

This fixture will be played to-day on the C.C.C. ground at 2 p.m. The following will represent the C.C.C.:—

H. H. Taylor, G. A. Hancock, W. H. Vives, L. A. Ross, E. Pestonji, F. Rapp, R. Rapp, C. Johnston, A. Saffad, H. Remedios and R. Phillips.

HONGKONG CRICKET LEAGUE.

The following is the League table up to date:

Club	P	W	L	D	PTS.
1 Civil Service	12	8	4	0	24
2 Craykepower	10	6	1	3	21
3 Kowloon	9	4	3	2	14
4 E. C. A.	8	3	2	3	12
5 H. K. Police	9	4	4	1	12
6 K.O.Y.L.I.	8	2	4	2	8
7 E. E.	8	2	5	1	7
8 Naval Yard	10	2	8	0	6

N. B.—A win = 3 points.
A draw = 1 point.
C.C.C. "A" v. B.A.N.C.

COMPANY MEETING.

HUMPHREY'S ESTATE AND FINANCE CO., LTD.

The annual meeting of shareholders in the above Company was held at the Hongkong Hotel yesterday. Mr. Henry Humphreys presided and there were also present: Messrs. J. Scott Harston, W. L. Pattenden and Dr. J. W. Noble (directors), J. M. E. Machado, G. Rapp, P. C. Potts, J. M. Alves, G. J. B. Sayer, J. Tarrant, M. D. Silas, and D. E. Clark, and the secretary, Mr. Enos Seth.

The CHAIRMAN said:—Gentlemen,—The report and statement of account have, in accordance with the new Companies Ordinance, been in your hands for the past seven days, so with your permission I will take them as read. The same Ordinance requires that I read to you the report of the auditors which I now do.

The CHAIRMAN continued:—There are only four items in the profit and loss account which call for any comment from me, viz.:—Fire insurance premium, commission, unclaimed dividends and transfer from insurance reserve fund. Fire insurance premium is less than last year by \$2,469.88; this difference may be said to represent expired fire risks usually underwritten by the company which have not been charged up in this year's accounts; commission \$1,407.10 is brokerage paid on new mortgages; unclaimed dividends \$2,893.29 are those which have been outstanding for five years and which have been forfeited by the directors for the benefit of the company under the special resolution passed and confirmed on the 12th and 27th Jan., 1911, respectively. Transfer from insurance reserve fund. I have no doubt you will approve of this in view of the fact that the Company does not underwrite so much of its own fire risks as formerly and the improved outlook in the general situation to which I shall refer later. If you compare the accounts before you with those of the previous year you will find that the net result of the two years would have been very similar but for the item mortgage commissions \$12,204.68 in 1910 accounts. This, as I informed you at our last meeting, would not be recurrent. The absence of this windfall coupled with the fact that the amount brought forward was upward of \$4,000 less than that carried forward the previous year is responsible entirely for the reduction of the dividend by one half per cent. and the withdrawal from the insurance reserve fund of \$5,000. Your directors, I am sure, would not have sanctioned this withdrawal if I had not satisfied them that property had materially improved in value and that our revenue, which prior to June last had been shrinking, has since that period been steadily going up. I will give you a few figures showing last year's rent collections month by month. The figures represent gross rentals; that is to say they include rates:—January, \$9,117; February, \$9,432; March, \$9,300; April, \$9,292; May, \$8,716; June, \$7,861; July, \$9,101; August, \$9,331; September, \$9,425; October, \$9,572; November, \$9,737; and December, \$9,927.

The first and second months of this year will be about the same as December, but in March the rent roll will jump another \$400 per month from the increased rents we shall be getting from our Chinese houses at Yau-mai and Hung-hom. By the end of April our new model flats for Europeans will be revenue producing and should be responsible for a further increase in the rent roll of \$500 per month or more. Although it is somewhat early to prophesy, there is every indication, unless things take a turn for the worse, of a substantial increase in net profits for 1912. There are no doubt many shareholders who will think that the dividend paid during the last few years is not a sufficient return on our capital, and with that your directors are in agreement; but it must be borne in mind that the company has a lot of its capital invested in undeveloped land which brings in nothing and on which Crown rent is paid to the Government. For several years past the lack of demand for accommodation has afforded no inducement to landowners to take any chances. Recently, however, there has been a great change for the better and this fact coupled with a plentiful supply of cheap money has encouraged us to sign two large building contracts which are already under way, and to contemplate further building operations if we can obtain, as we find some difficulty in doing, reasonable tenders. The outlook for 1913, in the early part of which year all the houses at present contracted for should be completed, is distinctly hopeful. If the houses and flats just commenced all let as I firmly believe they will, there is no reason that I can see why the net profits in 1913 should not show a further large increase. For some years past my annual speeches from the chair have been of a more or less gloomy character. If therefore I now take a more cheerful view it is not I think because I am unduly optimistic; there are the signs of the times for every one to read, and the convincing argument of an increasing rent roll as evidenced by the figures I have just read out to you. The speech which I have just read was written and received the approval of the board before Mr. Bowley adopted the unusual course of criticising the

accounts in the Press instead of at the annual meeting. If he had waited to hear what the Chairman had to say about the accounts some at least of his remarks would have been left unsaid. But since Mr. Bowley has adopted an unusual and to my mind unnecessary procedure, I am reluctantly compelled to likewise take an unusual course and add some further remarks to the Chairman's speech in reply to his criticisms. Mr. Bowley's letter to the Daily Press of yesterday's date says: "In spite of the boom in property the company is paying a smaller dividend and can only pay 4 per cent. by drawing on its reserve." The General Managers in their letter of the day before explained why the boom which only started in September did not affect last year's accounts. The Chairman's speech written prior to Mr. Bowley's first letter to the Daily Press also throws light on the point and gives a specific cause for the reduced earnings. As regards the withdrawal from reserve the amount is so small that there will be no difficulty in replacing it this year, if things go on as they are going. With regard to Mr. Bowley's remark that "the usual 5 per cent. commission of estate agents covers cost of staff and office rent," I am not aware that all estate agents have the same commission, but I do know that some of them charge 5 per cent. on collections and also smaller commissions on inventories, reassignments, sales and purchases. I am not at all sure that the general managers would not welcome such a system of remuneration, and as Mr. Bowley suggests, pay for the secretary, clerical work and office rent out of their own pockets. The general staff of this company always have been and still are underpaid. It is true that some amelioration of their lot has been effected, but if Mr. Bowley or any one else can point to a single other company of the same size where the chief executive officer gets as little as \$3,000 per annum, I should be more inclined to consider his philanthropic proposals at my firm's expense. With regard to Mr. Bowley's statement that "a comparison with other companies will show that the cost of management of this company is higher in proportion than other similar companies," there is no other company on quite the same footing as this, but if one combined the Land Investment Company and the Land Reclamation Co., one might get some nearer approach. But I will let that pass; his point is to show that "14 per cent. of the gross rental" which he figures out the cost of management to be is excessive. Does Mr. Bowley know what our gross rental is? I think not. Neither gross rentals nor gross collections are shown in the balance sheet, taxes paid to Government being deducted from rents, and interest received being deducted from interest paid. There would be a difference between gross and net revenue of some \$40,000; consequently, if there ever was, there can no longer be any significance, in Mr. Bowley's 14 per cent. estimate which has been based on entirely erroneous data. Mr. Bowley charges the management with farming out Chinese houses intimating that the company has lost much rent thereby, and then goes on to say "It is less trouble for general managers of Land Companies to farm out their property than to manage it personally." To this I reply that the system of farming, so far as regards Chinese tenements in poor outlying districts, is the safest and best one in the landlords' interest. The tenants are coolies and work people whose whole assets in the way of furniture would not realise two dollars; consequently there is nothing to distract upon, and when rent day comes they vanish like mist before the sun. Only a Chinese tenant farmer who has everything to lose and lives in the vicinity of his tenants, can successfully cope with such conditions. I am informed the Land Company have recently given up Mr. Bowley's idea of letting flat by flat and taken to farming, as they find it pays better. I might mention for Mr. Bowley's information the Company's Chinese tenant farmers have frequently come to us and offered money to cancel their leases as they were losing heavily. If, therefore, now that the tide has turned, they are recovering some of their losses, surely neither Mr. Bowley or any other shareholder ought to grudge them their improved rentals. With regard to Mr. Bowley's remark that "it will be interesting to hear particulars from the General Managers as to the development work undertaken in 1911; I can find no reference to it in the report and accounts," such details have always been referred to in the Chairman's speech and you will note that the speech in question refers to recently signed contracts and some flats nearing completion. There have been two other smaller contracts completed, and one large contract, details for which were completed last year, has been held up owing to tenders being considered excessive. Any shareholder who takes an interest in the Company's affairs, and I take it that Mr. Bowley must do, in spite of his small holding, can go and see for themselves the work now in progress. Mr. Bowley asks: "Is there some magic in the title general managers?" and "board of directors?" I fancy most shareholders approve of them and are willing to pay for them. As regards general managers, it seems to me quite immaterial whether the

head of the executive of any company is called general manager, chief manager, manager or secretary; his powers delegated by the Directors or conferred by the Articles must be great if he is to be of service, and this especially applies in dealing with a large staff. Some of our local companies are prosperous, others the reverse, with the head of the executive called respectively by all four names, so that there would seem to be no magic in any of them. One thing is certain: there must be an executive head apart from a board; it is immaterial what name is given to such head. I have now dealt with all Mr. Bowley's criticisms, but before sitting down I should like to give you a few facts and figures which have not yet been touched upon. This company started 25 years ago under the name of the Richmond Terrace Estate and Building Company with six small houses and a capital of \$33,000. Its general managers have built it up to its present capital of \$1,500,000—and during the past eleven years the dividends have averaged 7 1/2 per cent. and upwards of \$25,000 have been placed to reserve during the same period. I venture to think that this is an achievement of which the general managers might feel reasonably proud. The shares of this company have a potential value, irrespective of dividend which is not reflected in the market price; as of the 830,033 sq. ft. of building land this company owns, excluding the six and a half acre farm lot at Mongkoktsui, only 445,322 sq. ft. are built upon, leaving 384,691 sq. ft. of the book value of \$603,048.93 unbuilt upon but ready for development as soon as suitable inducement offers.

The CHAIRMAN—Before moving the adoption of the report and accounts, I will be pleased to answer any questions.

There being no questions, he moved that the report and balance sheet be passed.

The motion was seconded by Mr. MACHADO, and carried.

The CHAIRMAN moved that Dr. Noble, Messrs. J. Scott Harston, J. W. C. Bonnar and W. L. Pattenden be re-elected directors. The motion was seconded by Mr. Potts, and carried.

On the motion of Mr. TARRANT, seconded by Mr. SILAS, Messrs. W. H. Potts and H. P. Smith were re-elected auditors.

The CHAIRMAN—That is all the business, gentlemen. I thank you for your attendance. Dividend warrants are ready now, and may be had on application to the Company's office.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLBOY.

PRESENT TEACHING OF LANGUAGES CONDEMNED.

An interesting correspondence has been carried on in The Times on "Classics and the Average Boy," a contributor having alleged that "four boys out of every five at a public school are spoilt." The headmaster of Dulwich College and Dr. W. H. D. Rouse, of the Perse School, Cambridge, wrote letters. The former, observes that "in education, as in everything, there are many failures, and it is always difficult to find the causes of them," and, moreover, "each person who is very confident, particularly if he is an expert, is likely to go wrong in treating of them." Mr. Gilkes suggests two reasons for the failures. "In the first place, public school boys among themselves are apt to apologise each to the other for working and for taking an interest in their work; and in the second place they are apt to be very narrow in their ideas about their relation to humanity and its productions. It is evident that few things damage progress more than not attempting to make it, and few people who have talked to a person who confines his sympathies to those of his own grade will deny that this confinement makes a person very dull."

In Mr. Gilkes's opinion, "both these faults are likely to exist among public school boys, from causes which are quite unconnected with the subjects which are taught to them, and that one of the causes is to be found in their homes." If these two faults were removed, he believes the chief causes of complaint against public schools would go with them. Dr. Rouse agrees that four out of five boys at a public school are spoilt, but he contends that "they are not spoilt by learning Greek, but because they learn Greek and Latin too soon and too long, and because they are taught in a dull and stupid way out of books that mean nothing to their minds. The system of teaching current is like the Chinese, where sixteen years are spent in learning the characters before the meaning is learnt. If one thing is certain in the art of teaching, it is that foreign languages must be learnt one at a time, with a two years' interval for the mass; yet Latin, Greek, and French are often learnt all together by boys of 9, and I have known all three to be begun in the same term."

Dr. Rouse urges that French and German proved such a disastrous failure that it has been discarded by every teacher that knows his business; the current method is an invention of the nineteenth century, differing in principle from that of all the great teachers of the past.

The time table should be re-arranged, a new method introduced (or, rather, revert to the old method of Erasmus, Guarino, Corderius, Vives, and nearly every teacher up to 1700). "By this means a boy of 16 may be well grounded in English, French, Latin, and Greek, or German, besides mathematics, natural science, and other subjects of a liberal education; and he has time from 16 to 19 to put on his one special subject while correcting the balance by a sufficient study of something different—the classical study of mathematics or the like, too scientific student by literature."

The result, in his opinion, is that the pupil learns more and learns it better in a shorter time. "This is a paradox, but only if we forget that to give too much time is in itself a cause of failure, and that a stupid method will spoil everything."

CANTON.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, Feb. 15.

SHAMEN.

Last night the Canton Amateur Theatrical Society gave a splendid performance before a crowded house of a short French play entitled "L'Anglais tel qu'on le parle," and of Gilbert and Sullivan's operetta, "Trial by Jury." "L'Anglais tel qu'on le parle" is a comedy in one act by Tristan Bernard, the story centring round an Englishman in France who cannot speak French and is handicapped by the interpreter being absent and having sent a substitute who knows no English. All sorts of misunderstanding arise and much amusement is derived from the peculiar situations.

Gilbert and Sullivan's work has always to be approached with care and even treated in a sort of sacred manner, and even "Trial by Jury," the shortest of all their works, is by no means an easy thing to stage. The operetta is a burlesque on an action for breach of promise and is decidedly humorous. There are numerous pretty and tuneful songs and choruses and there is plenty of scope for talent. The performance last night was a great success and reflects great credit on the stage manager and conductor, Mr. H. F. Baker, and the members of the cast. As the "cheery" Judge, Mr. O. Eager shone, and his song of how he became a judge was splendidly rendered. His face and manner could not fail to keep the audience in good humour and he was the centre of attraction all through.

As the plaintiff Madame Goyet was excellent. Her singing was splendid and there is a delightful sympathy about the tone of her voice which appealed to everyone. The dashing but callous defendant was well rendered by Mr. L. H. Gilman, and his songs brought well deserved encores, while Mr. Holmeister as the Counsel was important personified and did not fail to let the judge see that he knew his business. His singing was exceedingly good and his case for the plaintiff brought down the house. Mr. E. E. Garrard as the old out-of-date usher with a contented smile but self-important manner kept the jury well in hand, and his singing of the first song was really splendid. The Bridesmaids' chorus was well rendered and well deserved the encore it got, and the jury's singing and acting was very fine indeed. On every hand the show was voted an unqualified success, and the only thing one felt sorry about was that it was so short. Thanks are due to the orchestra and Mr. O. Eager, who was responsible for the scenery, and the Perquero, Mr. G. Huygen, the importance of whose work can hardly be realised.

NEW POSTAGE STAMPS.

All the stamps of the new Government are being surcharged and on and after a new date the old stamps are no longer to be recognised.

THE MEDICAL CONGRESS AND QUARANTINE.

The Manila papers, we notice, contain more information regarding the proceedings at the Medical Congress than has been published in Hongkong. The following information was apparently supplied by Dr. Heiser:—

Resolutions adopted at the 1910 conference in regard to quarantine were amended so as to define "status sporadicus," and "status epidemicus," and bring about an agreement among the signatory countries upon the question of disinfection of vessels.

Hereafter in preparing bills of health the entry "status sporadicus" will indicate the existence at a port of call of any communicable disease not definitely traceable to an imported case. "Status epidemicus" will mean that plague, cholera, small-pox, yellow fever, typhoid, exanthematic trypanosomiasis, or any other communicable diseases which are considered to be epidemic occur at any port, after the first telegraphic report of the appearance or recrudescence of the disease, with an average of three cases daily exclusive of cases imported into or originating in quarantine station.

Weekly returns will be circulated of these diseases and also of plague in rodents among the Far East countries. Bills of health issued to all out-going vessels proceeding to a port of another country must state the facts as to the existence and prevalence of quarantinable diseases in the port and contain such other information as may be necessary in estimating the sanitary risk of allowing the vessel to enter a harbour.

The departure of an infected or suspected ship as defined by the Paris convention will be reported by telegraph to the port of destination and a full account made in the bill of health of the measures taken to disinfect or otherwise deal with the vessel. When a vessel leaves plague infected ports or carries persons or suspected cargo from such ports, it is considered by the congress that no subsequent disinfection or fumigation should be imposed on the ship if it can be shown that the vessel has been properly treated for the destruction of rats and other vermin and approved measures of disinfection have been carried out and specially objectionable classes of cargo rejected. This agreement provides that repeated fumigation may not be imposed upon a ship in the course of a few days at several ports of call, provided that no evidence of plague is discovered on board in man or rodent at any subsequent port of call.

Dr. Uthemann, of Kiatschow, raised the point that there should be some uniformity in the quarantine regulations of all Oriental countries especially as regards disinfection. He cited as an example that during the outbreak of plague in 1911, steamers going from Dairen to Shanghai via Tsingtau had to be fumigated first at Dairen by a special system, two days later in Tsingtau by means of the Giemsa-Nacht apparatus; and a third time at Shanghai, 45 hours later, by means of the Clayton apparatus. Great inconvenience to trade and commerce was caused by the unnecessary repetition of fumigation.

SILVER IN CHINA.

In its review of trade in China in 1911 the Times has the following interesting note on the Silver Market:—

Speculation is naturally rife as to the effect of the rebellion on the Silver Market. But where all is uncertainty—coupled, moreover, with the prospect of far-reaching changes—it would be hazardous even to guess at what will be the actual position of the white metal at the end of the year. It is safe, however, to assume that whatever Government is finally evolved out of the state of something very like political chaos into which China seems to be falling, its first duty—and it may be added, chief difficulty—will be to provide the sinews of war. The repeal of taxation is naturally a foremost plank in the reformers' platform; and there is no doubt that China is still a potentially wealthy country only needing wise and liberal exploitation of her resources to have sufficient for all the demands of Government. But just now there is a lack of hard cash, and it is difficult to carry on, especially in times of stress, except on a cash basis. With the destruction of constituted authority goes much of the credit which belongs rightfully to it, and, as far as can be foreseen at present, the task of reconstruction must necessarily be slow. But if it also be sure there will be little cause for complaint. In this connexion the position of the newly-fledged Ta-ch'ing—i.e., Manchu Imperial dollar—becomes interesting. It will be remembered that this coin was to be the outward and visible sign of a stable silver currency for China, pending whatever further reform might be introduced later on. The scheme involved the cessation of all provincial minting, and the gradual redemption of the Imperial dollars. To assist China in this task was one of the main intentions of the Four-Power loan. The new dollar was to be gradually introduced, and was destined, like Aaron's rod, to swallow all the lesser productions of the provincial mints. During the late stringency caused by the rush of panic-stricken Chinese to possess themselves, at almost any premium, of silver dollars, the Ta-ch'ing—i.e., Government Bank—acted no doubt by considerations of self-preservation, quietly set in circulation amongst the clamouring crowds at its doors some two million specimens of the new coinage. These were at first well received, but later on the cash shops, the poor man's bank, began to cash upon them, and while the Mexican dollar soared to quite giddy heights in exchange for good specie, the Manchu product, in spite of its intrinsic merits, went to a discount. Here we have another instance of the sentiment, or "old custom," that sways the masses as well as the classes in China. The old Carolus dollar still exchanges for nearly a tale of sycee in the Wuhu district, and there are now signs that the old-style Mexican, which is certainly without honour in the country of its origin, is about to be placed on a pedestal. Under present conditions, of course, the reform of the currency must of necessity be in much the same state of abeyance as the Four-Power loan on which its realization depended.

ANCIENT AND MODERN ADVERTISING.

At St. Bride Institute, E.C., last month, Mr. Thomas Russell, president of the Incorporated Society of Advertisement Consultants, delivered a lecture on "Advertising" to the members of the Jobbing Guild of the London Society of Compositors. Mr. Russell said the oldest advertisements yet discovered were found in the excavations at Pompeii. They were rude wall inscriptions, some of them not unlike the announcements which appeared in the agony columns of the daily Press to-day. Advertising, he proceeded, was becoming recognized by men of business as the most economical manner of promoting the sale of meritorious goods, and advertising work was attracting to it men of superior ability. Confidence of the public in the quality of advertised goods was increasing every year. He quoted the following words of the King when Prince of Wales:—"Experience has shown that, even in the case of firms having an established reputation and world-wide connections, attempts to discontinue advertising have usually been followed by a diminution in the sales effected." To occupy space in The Times enabled an advertiser to send his message into every one of the aristocratic homes of the United Kingdom; to bring it before every member of both Houses of Parliament; to bring it into the office of every lawyer of importance; to every doctor; certainly into the office of every financier of any importance; and into the presence of Royalty itself. If the advertiser had goods to sell capable of giving satisfaction to people of the highest culture, an advertisement in a newspaper would carry his message for him very cheaply; but in order that his message might be effective he must write it and print it effectively.

MR. ANDREW CARNEGIE.

"A FOOL TO SELL MY PROPERTY FOR £86,000,000."

"I am surprised I could have been such a fool as to sell my property to the Steel Corporation on the basis of £86,000,000," reminisced Mr. Carnegie in giving evidence before the Congressional Committee appointed to investigate the affairs of the Steel Trust. Mr. Carnegie obeyed the subpoena jauntily.

A great crowd of ladies was present when the ironmaster began his story of his steel career. He related how he was "in at the birth of steel, and steel eventually became king. It had always been my purpose to extend my steel operations," he continued. "If I had remained in business I would have built plant at Conneaut that would have astonished the world. We are going to make tubes there."

Mr. Carnegie said he began his steel career in November, 1861, with £300 borrowed from the National Bank of Pittsburgh. "Five or six of us were engaged in the Keystone Bridge Company, and every now and then we would each invest £1,000 or so of our savings."

He related how he used to see the rails of the Pennsylvania Railway replaced every six weeks. He went to Scotland and watched the Bessemer process. He met Mr. Dodds, who invented the patent method of hardening the face of steel. "Mr. Dodds came to Pittsburgh, where we built a furnace and made the first hard-surface rails in the country."

Mr. Carnegie described Mr. Charles Schwab as the greatest mechanical genius in the steel trade he had ever known.

RID OF HORRIBLE ITCHING PAIN

Sores on Arms, Legs and Toes. Could Not Sleep at Night for the Pain. Gave It Up as Incurable.

Used Cuticura Treatment and Has Never Seen Any Sores Since.

"Sores first commenced on my arms about January, 1908, and I thought they would go away as they came, but they still got worse. The next part they affected was my legs and toes, and I could not sleep at night for the pain, especially when I got warm. About July, I saw a chemist whom I was well acquainted with, and he gave me some pills and ointment, and also a powder. After about a month the spots still remained, and I went to the Hospital and they also gave me some ointment to use. After using four boxes of this, I gave it up as incurable."

"One night I saw what the Cuticura Remedy had done for someone else using a little Cuticura Ointment. I felt the itching to be less painful. I then obtained a box of Cuticura Ointment and a box of Cuticura Soap, and after using one box, I felt a great deal better. I had altogether three boxes of Cuticura Ointment, and have used the Cuticura Soap regularly since then. Altogether I was a month using the Cuticura treatment, and have great pleasure in saying I have never seen a sight of any of the sores since. I do not know what the sores were, but I thought they were eczema. I am overjoyed with my cure. I have written rid of such a horrible itching pain." (Signed) Peter Harrow, 88, Ivydale Road, Mossley Hill, Liverpool, England, Nov. 5, 1909.

Cuticura Remedies are sold throughout the world. Dealers: London, 27, Charterhouse St.; Australia, R. Towns & Co., Sydney; India, B. K. Paul, Calcutta; S. A. Africa, London, E.C., Cape Town, etc.; U. S. A., Potter Press & Chem. Corp., Sale Price 25 Cents. Beware of cheap imitations. Cuticura 100% on the skin.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all FIRE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS on MONDAY, 19th February, 1912.

By Order,

A. R. LOWE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 17th February, 1912. [334]

FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

RACE HOLIDAYS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all FIRE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS on TUESDAY, THURSDAY and FRIDAY, 20th, 22nd and 23rd instant respectively, at 11.45 a.m.

By Order,

A. R. LOWE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 17th February, 1912. [335]

MARINE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all MARINE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS on MONDAY, 19th February, 1912.

By Order,

A. R. LOWE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 17th February, 1912. [336]

MARINE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

RACE HOLIDAYS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all MARINE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS on TUESDAY, THURSDAY and FRIDAY, 20th, 22nd and 23rd instant respectively, at 11.45 a.m.

By Order,

A. R. LOWE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 17th February, 1912. [337]

KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.

(British Section.)

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that an EXTRA TRAIN will be run on MONDAY, 19th instant, leaving KOWLOON at 10.15 a.m. for SHUM CHU and calling at SHATIN, TAIPAI and FANLING. The EXPRESS TRAIN from CANTON arriving KOWLOON at 6.50 p.m. will call at FANLING at 6.10 p.m. on same date to pick up Passengers.

By Order,

H. P. WINSLOW,
Manager.

Kowloon, 16th February, 1912. [338]

WANTED.

HARBOUR ENGINEER, must be total abstinence.
Apply with references and salary required to Messrs. W. S. BAILEY & Co., Ltd., Hongkong, 17th February, 1912. [339]

THE HONGKONG WEEKLY PRESS & CHINA OVERLAND TRADE REPORT is now ready and contains:—
Far Eastern News.
Leading Articles.
The Religion of Japan.
The Republic and the Emperor.
Abdication.
Sir Frederick Lugard's New Appointment.
The Calendar.
Random Reflections.
Hongkong News.
The Magistracy.
Canton News.
The Philippine Exposition.
Supreme Court.
Correspondence.
Humphreys' Estate and Finance.
Tao Piratical Attack on H.M.S. "Sandpiper".
New Consul General for Japan.
The Famine in China.
Arrival of 26th Punjab.
Sanitary Board.
China's Post Office and the Revolution.
Hongkong Gases before the Privy Council.
Macao Notes.
Indebted Labour in British North Borneo.
Company Report.
China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd.
Company Meetings:—
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Ltd.
Tea and Rubber Co., Ltd.
Isokungmow Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co.
The Manila Exposition and Carnival.
Mr. L. Burton on Chinese Art.
The Revolution.
Sheng Kung-Pao's Property.
Local Sport.
Death of Mr. E. S. Lindsay.
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— Hongkong, 17th February 1912.

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INTIMATIONS

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING, 1912.

TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, AND SATURDAY (OFF-DAY).
20TH, 22ND, 23RD AND 24TH FEBRUARY.

TICKETS OF ADMISSION to the GRAND STAND and ENCLOSURE may be obtained from Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, Ltd., or at the Gate. Price \$7 for the Meeting (excluding the Off-Day), or \$3 per day. Tickets for the Off-Day, \$2.
No one admitted without a Ticket, to be shown to the Ticket Inspector at the Gate.
T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 14th February, 1912. [315]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE STEWARDS request the pleasure of the presence of the LADIES at the GRAND STAND and the ENCLOSURE during the Races.
A Stand and Enclosure will be reserved for Members and Members' Wives and Families, Tickets for which will be sent out with the Members' Tickets.
All Tickets must be produced to gain admission.
Special accommodation will be reserved as in recent years for Chinese Ladies and their Female attendants in the Stand erected on the plot of ground next to the Lusitano Club Stand.
T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 14th February, 1912. [316]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NO CHILDREN under the age of 14 years will be admitted into the Enclosure.
T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong 14th February 1912. [317]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

PASSES for Servants will be issued on application to the Undersigned on MONDAY, 19th instant.
No Servants will be allowed inside the ENCLOSURE of the Race Course during the Race Day WITHOUT TICKETS, which can be had on application to the Undersigned. These Tickets are only available for Servants while in attendance on their employers or when on duty at the various Stands.
Any Chinese found loitering about with Servants' passes in their possession, will forfeit them and the holders thereof will be removed from the Enclosure.
T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 14th February, 1912. [318]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

The following are the weights for the Footwork Cup (Handicap) to be run on TUESDAY, 22ND FEBRUARY.

	Hds.	in.	St.	Lbs.
Kiangwan	13.	0.	10.	7.
Oil King	13.	0.	10.	5.
Lymington	13.	1.	10.	10.
Mandolin	13.	2.	11.	1.
Alacrity	12.	3.	10.	0.
Caprice	12.	3.	10.	5.
Rosyth	13.	1.	10.	10.
Merry Scot	13.	2.	10.	9.
Olivia	13.	1.	10.	12.
Capello	13.	0.	11.	0.
Favonius	13.	1.	10.	12.
Brushwood Boy	12.	3.	10.	7.
Royal Rose	13.	2.	11.	7.
Matonge	13.	0.	11.	1.
White Lilies (late)	13.	1.	11.	1.
Joss Mighty	13.	0.	10.	10.
Auchendoun	13.	2.	11.	4.
Drumthie	13.	2.	11.	4.

H. P. WHITE,
Handicapper.

T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 14th February, 1912. [319]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Race to be run on the OFF DAY, SATURDAY, the 24th FEBRUARY, 1912.

THE ADMIRAL'S PRIZE.

PRESENTED by His Excellency Vice Admiral Sir ALFRED L. WINSLOW, K.C.B., C.V.O., C.M.G. (Ladies' Nominations).
A Handicap for all China Ponies that may be started at this Meeting. Second to receive 60 per cent. and third 40 per cent. of the Entrance Fees. Entrance \$5. One mile and a quarter.
The Donor of the Cup has also kindly presented a prize for the Lady Nominating the Winner, no Lady to nominate more than one Pony.
A List of Weights to be carried will be posted at the Grand Stand and published in the Press on the morning of the Race.
Entries will close to the Clerk of the Course on FRIDAY the 23rd. February, 1912.
Entry Forms will be obtainable on application at the Weighing Room under the Grand Stand at any time during the three Race Days.
By Order,

T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 14th February 1912. [320]

CANTON-KOWLOON RAILWAY.

NOTICE.
THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that on SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18th, being CHINA NEW YEAR'S DAY, no Through Trains will run between KOWLOON and CANTON and the Local Train Service on the Chinese Section will be entirely suspended.
On the British Section Trains will be run as under, calling at all Stations:—
DOWN TRAINS.
KOWLOON — Dep. 7.00 a.m. 10.15 a.m. 2.40 p.m.
SHUM CHU — Arr. 8.00 a.m. 11.15 a.m. 3.40 p.m.
UP TRAINS:
SHUM CHU — Dep. 8.15 a.m. 11.35 a.m. 6.00 p.m.
KOWLOON — Arr. 9.15 a.m. 12.35 p.m. 7.00 p.m.
On MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19th, all Trains will run in accordance with the Time-Table now in force.
By Order,

H. P. WINSLOW,
Manager.

British Section,
Canton-Kowloon Railway.

By Order,

THE ADMINISTRATION,
Chinese Section,
Canton-Kowloon Railway.

Kowloon, 12th February, 1912. [325]

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UNIVERSITY OF HONGKONG
OPENING CEREMONY.

THE UNIVERSITY BUILDINGS will be OPENED on MONDAY, March 11th, 1912, at 11 a.m., by His Excellency SIR FREDERICK J. D. LUGARD, G.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O., GOVERNOR OF HONGKONG AND CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY.

UNIVERSITY BAZAAR.

The Opening Ceremony of the University Buildings on March 11th, 1912, will be followed by a SIX DAYS' BAZAAR (March 11th to 16th inclusive) in the Buildings and Grounds, in aid of the funds of the University.

A great variety of European, Chinese and Japanese Articles and Curios for Sale; exhibition of some of the finest collections of porcelain in China: Grand Military and Naval Entertainments and evening Conversations, Chinese Theatre, etc., etc., etc.

Further details will be published in due course.

Hongkong, 15th February, 1912. [292]

INTIMATIONS

IN THE MATTER OF THE HIP ON INSURANCE EXCHANGE AND LOAN COMPANY, LIMITED, in Liquidation.

and
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES' ORDINANCES of Hongkong.

TAKE NOTICE that the GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, at the 2nd Floor of No. 305, Des Vaux Road Central, Hongkong, TO-DAY (SATURDAY), the 17th February, 1912, at 11.45 a.m.

TAM TSE KONG,
CHENG MAN PO,
Liquidators.

IN THE MATTER OF THE HIP ON INSURANCE EXCHANGE LOAN COMPANY (Liquidation), and
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES' ORDINANCES of Hongkong.

TAKE NOTICE that a MEETING of the Shareholders and Creditors of the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, at the 2nd Floor of No. 305, Des Vaux Road Central, Hongkong, TO-DAY (SATURDAY), the 17th day of February, 1912, at 12 o'clock Noon.

BUSINESS:
(A) To discuss the accounts of the Company.
(B) To discuss the advisability of a change of Liquidators.
Dated this 6th day of February, 1912.
TAM TSE KONG,
CHENG MAN PO,
Liquidators.

NOTICE.

THE WING HUNG STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED, of No. 33, Connaught Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, hereby Give Notice that they have applied to the Board of Trade under Section 47 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, in respect of the ship "SAN CHEUNG" of Hongkong Official Number 107,870 of Gross Tonnage 691.5 Registered Tonnage 412.19 hawkeaters owned by THE CHEUNG ON STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED, for permission to change her name to "WING HUNG" and to have her registered in the new name at the Port of Hongkong, as owned by the said WING HUNG STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

Any objections to the proposed change of name must be sent to the Registrar of Shipping at Hongkong within 7 days from the appearance of this advertisement.

Dated the 10th day of February, 1912.
JOHNSON STOKES & MASTER. 510

INTIMATIONS

CHINA NEW YEAR
AND
RACE HOLIDAYS.

THE EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS on MONDAY, the 19th instant, and at 11.45 a.m. on TUESDAY, THURSDAY and FRIDAY, the 20th, 22nd and 23rd instant, respectively.

Hongkong, 16th February, 1912. [323]

HONGKONG CLUB SKATING ASSOCIATION.

MEMBERS are informed that the Band of the 8th Rajputs will play selections from 5 to 7 o'clock on the 19th, 26th, and 29th inst.

W. LOGAN,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 16th February, 1912. [329]

G. B. R.

TENDERS.

TENDERS are invited for the Supply of Timber, Timber Materials, and Spars to H.M. NAVAL YARD for one year from 1st April next.
Forms of Tender with full particulars may be obtained on application to the NAVAL STORE OFFICER.

F. WESTON,
Naval Store Officer.

Hongkong, 7th February, 1912. [286]

THE CHINESE ENGINEERING AND MINING CO., LTD.

NOTICE.

As the Company's Financial Year ends on the 31st December, it is particularly requested that all OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS against the Company be presented for payment before that date.

DODWELL & Co., Ltd.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 16th February, 1912. [330]

THE LEGAL INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD., OF LONDON.

HAVING been appointed AGENTS of the above Company, we are prepared to Grant Policies against Fire at Current Rates of premium.

H. SKOTT & Co.,
Hongkong, 15th February, 1912. [321]

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"THE TALK OF THE TOWN."
"THE RESEMBLANCE."
"ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI."
"THE ELIXIR OF LIFE."

LYALL SISTERS.

GRAND MATINEES—
SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, at 4 p.m.

Hongkong, 17th February, 1912. [58]

PUBLIC COMPANIES

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at the CRY HALL, Hongkong, THIS DAY (SATURDAY), the 17th day of FEBRUARY, 1912, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1911.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 5th February, to SATURDAY, the 17th February, 1912 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
N. J. STABB,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 17th February, 1912. [261]

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE FIFTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, St. George's Building, No. 2, Colaba Road, on WEDNESDAY, 21st Feb., 1912, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1911, declaring a Dividend and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, the 15th February, 1912, until WEDNESDAY, the 25th February, 1912, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 13th February, 1912. [308]

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LTD.

THE THIRTY-FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the General Managers at 12 Noon, on WEDNESDAY, 28th instant, to receive a Statement of the Company's Accounts to 31st December, 1911, and the Report of the General Managers.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 18th instant to the 28th instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 12th February, 1912. [309]

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE FORTY-THIRD MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 3, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, on THURSDAY, the 7th March, 1912, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1911.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 23rd February to 7th March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
H. F. HICKMAN,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 16th February, 1912. [331]

FOR SALE

FOR SALE.

SMALL AERATED WATER FACTORY as a whole or in lots of Bottles, Boxes Machinery, Gas Motor, etc.
Apply to—
Box 11,
Care of "Daily Press" Office,
Hongkong, 16th January, 1912. [207]

FOR SALE.

At a Moderate Price, 40 ACRES of LAND in the Colony, suitable for Chicken Farming or Raising Pigs or Cattle.
Apply to—
Care of "Daily Press" Office,
Hongkong, 12th August, 1911. [126]

FOR SALE.

DERRINGTON, 7-Roomed House, Peak Road, beautiful situation.
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ish cities; and a remedy proposed is the
supplying of gas at cost for domestic heating
and cooking. The smoke abatement socie-
ties have brought about a great lessening
of the smoke from factory chimneys. The
results are seen in London, which had 29.9
foggy days per year in 1883-1891, but only
10 such days per year in 1901-1910, while
the hours of bright sunshine increased from
55 hours per two months in the first period
to 93 hours per two months in the second
period. Through the efforts of the London
society, 913 smoky factory chimneys had
been made smokeless. To generate steam
economically and smokelessly, it is necessary
to supply just enough air of proper tempera-
ture to the fuel to convert every particle of
carbon and hydrocarbon into carbon dioxide
and water vapour, and James Bibby showed
that the problem of smokeless combustion
consists in bringing together the conditions
of smokelessness and economy. To consume
one pound of coal completely requires 11½
pounds of air. Burning carbon with the
theoretical amount of air gives a temperature
of 4,800deg. F. and 22 per cent. of carbon
dioxide; but the difficulty of regulation usual-
ly causes the admission of at least twice the
necessary air, reducing the temperature to
3,500deg., and three times the required air
lowers the temperature to 2,500deg.—an
enormous loss.

AN ARCTIC SCIENTIFIC STATION.
The mysterious isothermal layer of the air,
in which temperature ceases to fall with rise
in altitude, has been chiefly investigated in
Europe, but within the last year many balloon
soundings have been made in Canada. These
have shown the layer at an average
height of 8.1 miles. Two Germans, Drs.
Ramm and Wagner, have now begun a
year's scientific researches in Spitzbergen,
and are studying this strange air phenomenon
in the cold of the polar night.

BRITAIN'S DRUGS.
"The British Pharmaceutical Codex," a
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THE PROBLEM OF EUGENICS.
To produce a nation of geniuses has been
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human race rests in the ordinary individual,
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The vicious and criminal type of degenerate,
so obviously unfit, unfortunately multiplies
at an alarming rate. The decrease in the
families of the sound and well-to-do, on the
other hand, is a much deplored tendency
of the age; but the families of genius, which
are of unbalanced and defective development,
die out within a generation or two. Dr.
Robert Jones, lecturer on mental diseases at
St. Bartholomew's Hospital in London, has
lately shown how general is the so-called
neurotic temperament among persons of
genius. Considering the individuals of great
eminence in literature, it appears that they
have tended to be dwarfed, imperfectly
formed, of unsound habits, eccentric, irri-
table, ailing in various ways, epileptic, short-
lived, and have had ancestors of mental
instability and insanity. Of the personal
and family history of Shakespeare, the
greatest genius among poets, little is known.
But Shelley, Lamb, Wordsworth, Coleridge,
Southey, Sheridan, Cowper, Pope, Byron,
and even Scott had marked inherited weak-
nesses and neurotic or insane ancestors; and
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FARMYARD HATS.

The poultry-worn hats seem to be going out a little, possibly because the constant showers of December and the gloomy days of January have combined to cover the snowy wings with black spots, "smuts" as they are called by the general. Possibly the most becoming shape among those of the present season is the all-round, with a not too exaggerated bow of ribbon seeming to fasten on a wreath of flowers placed round the crown in the old fashion, now revived again. These are ready in straw for those who like to look in keeping with the spring-like days we have enjoyed once or twice of late, for one advantage of the Riviera season is that it provides us with homesteaders with spring fashions in excellent time. The turban hat is quite altered this year, and resembles more nearly the real Indian turban, this probably in consequence of the Royal visit and Durbar.

THE COIFFURE.

The hat and the coiffure depend largely upon each other, and we are perhaps more sensible in this respect than we were some ten years since, when the complaint of the critics of women's dress was that they wore too much hair and too little hat. The huge hat is a fault in the other extreme, as it almost completely hid the hair. The "chignon" as worn last year is slightly diminished in size, and the hair that was once puffed out all over the temples and above the ears, is now pressed in rather closely to the head and shows the shape, sometimes an advantage, sometimes not. In most of the smart coiffures the ears are completely hidden, and in many of them the forehead is also partly covered.

EVENING COIFFURES.

The evening coiffure, being independent of hats, is extremely varied. In one case the whole of the hair is arranged in one long, flat, cap-like band round the head, with a few curls emerging upon the forehead and hiding the ears. Not to put too fine a point upon it, this is simply hideous, and though it shows the beauty of the well-kept glossy hair, it detracts from that of its possessor. Bands of all kinds are still in vogue, some of them excessive in width, and suggestive of the bandage of a wound, others more becoming. Sometimes there is a double band worn after the fashion of fillets, and fastened with a jewelled clasp behind the ears. Sometimes a long curl emerges from these and falls over the left shoulder, while occasionally this little curl is replaced by a small loop of hair which falls upon the neck, and proves very becoming. It is to be a good year for hair-dressers, as quantities of false hair must be worn in order to keep up with the fashion of the evening coiffures. In many of these the natural hair is all brought forward and dressed in glossy little puffs and curls round the face, while the back is covered with unnatural quantities of additional hair arranged according to the fancy of the wearer or her hairdresser, sometimes in a twist, or in the newest fashion, in braids. This very old fashion, about to visit the glimpses of the moon (electric light!) will be familiar to those who possess old family portraits or even photographs. Our grandmothers understood the braiding of the hair, but only the most expert of them could execute the seven-brand braid, which, when completed and tied firmly at the ends, could be drawn out to a width of four or even more inches.

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COLLARLESS GOWNS.

What about collarless gowns for 1912? One dare not undertake the rôle of prophetess, but it seems as though the excessive heat of last summer had so encouraged the uncollared neck as to make the collarless gown more fashionable than ever. Suitable only to the young, it is not adopted to any extent by those who have passed their thirtieth year, and whose necks begin to show that loss of colour and of red and fulness which are so attractive. At the same time many, even of the youngest, continue to prefer the high collar, which rises almost to the ears, and does much in its way to ruin the contour of the neck. Others wear the collarless gown indoors and, when dressing for going out, add a chemise of four or five inches' depth for protection from the cold.

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The plain skirt appears to be falling into disfavour, and the untrimmed skirt of yesterday is disappearing under draperies of various kinds. Some of these are in the form of tabliers, others have a more or less eccentric sash, sometimes merely an end of cloth or serge, serving to hide the ungraceful tightness of the skirt beneath. But this sash occasionally begins as part-trimming of the bodice, starting from the shoulders, passing under the belt at the waist, and extending

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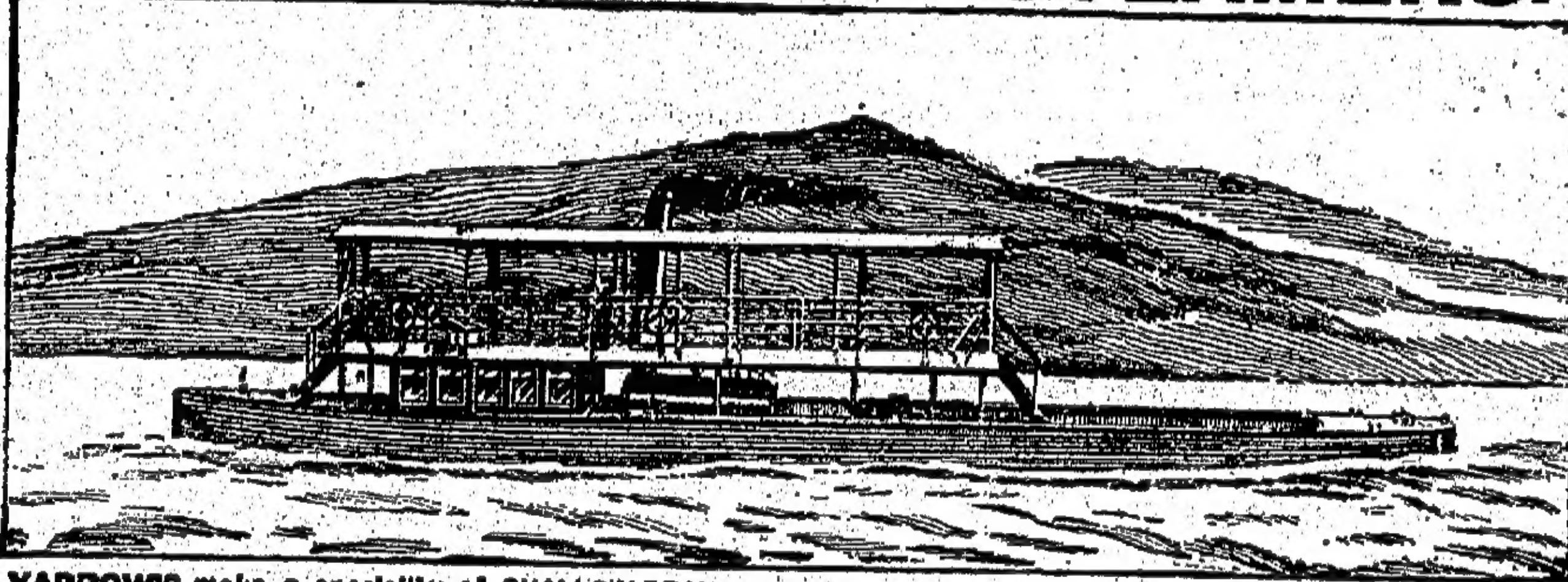
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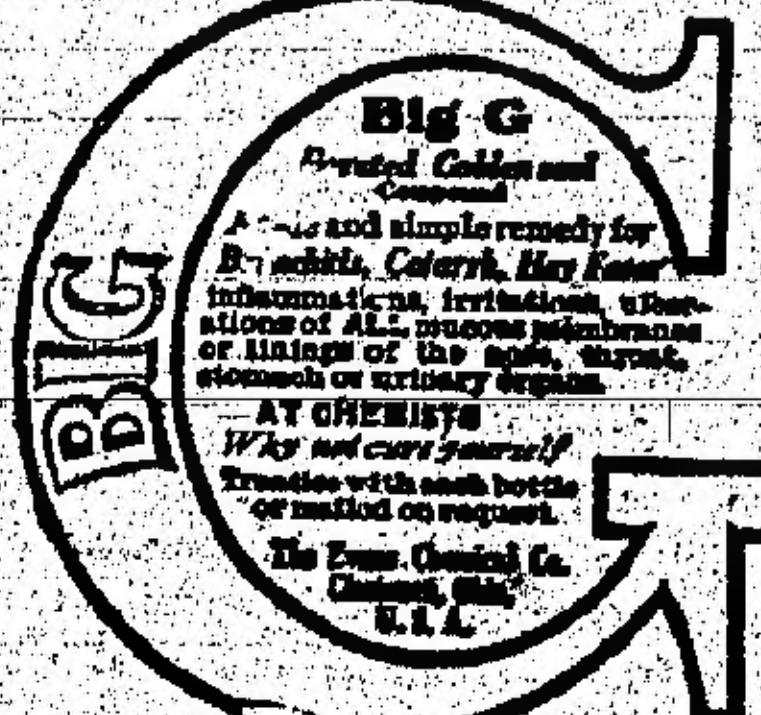
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CHAPTER XVII.

ROSE THOREAU'S TOAST.
During luncheon there was some constraint; Geoff was ill at ease, Mab was silent, Rose talkative, making the most of her opportunity, and taking champagne as though she liked it. She and Geoff were the only patrons of the sparkling wine.
"I like this place very much indeed," said Rose; "I am sure we shall be very happy here, Geoff."
He looked across at Mab, whose eyes were averted. Did she know of his engagement?
"Everything in the place is so pretty—has such a charming effect," said Rose.
"Someone had good taste; who is responsible for the arrangements?"
"I think I am," said Susie; "that is probably why my father gave the contents of the house to me."
"Oh!" exclaimed Rose, "it's yours, is it?"
"Not the house, merely the contents," said Susie.

Rose sipped her champagne: the maid kept refilling her glass.
"Tom was glad when luncheon was over, so that he could get out of the frigid atmosphere," said Rose, "just like an ice-house inside."
"Afterwards Geoff drove Rose back to town; the visit had not been as great a success as she had hoped. Susie had not asked her to come again, and this put her in an ill-humour, from which Geoff suffered. He began to think she was exacting—very different to Mab Seymour."

Who is the little girl—your sister's friend?" asked Rose.
"Mab Seymour."
"I don't mean her name. Where did you pick her up?"
"I didn't pick her up," said Geoff crossly.
"Did you meet her in England?" asked Rose.
"I saw her at a cricket match, and once coming out of the theatre," he said.
"What's she doing out here?"
"Came over with Mrs. Kirkton. She is her companion."

A paid servant!" snapped Rose.
"Not exactly: they are great friends; Mrs. Kirkton is more like a mother to her."
"She's fond of you," said Rose.
"Nonsense!" laughed Geoff.
"Oh, yes she is. I saw it at once. She nearly fell over when I told her we were engaged."

"You told her? I thought you wished it kept secret."
"I have changed my mind; besides I could not resist the temptation of giving her a hint."
"Are you jealous of her?" asked Geoff smiling.
"What an absurd question! How could I possibly be jealous of a bit of a chit like her?"
"You could be jealous if anyone tried to take you away from me."

"Do you really care for me, Rose?" he asked.
"Of course I do; I'm going to be your wife."
"That does not always follow," he said.
"I would never marry a man I did not love."

When he put her down at the hotel she said:
"Come round and see me to-night."
"On the stage?"
"Yes. You know Reg?"
"Oh, yes."

Reginald Baltimore was the Manager of the Strand Opera Company.
"Then I shall expect you," she said, as she went inside.
As he drove away he did not see Castro Quinto, who scowled after him, muttering curses under his breath.

Mab remained with Susie all afternoon. They exchanged confidences. Susie told her she had no wish for Geoff to marry Rose Thoreau, and said she was sure they would not be happy.
"May I ask you a question, without being impertinent?" said Susie.
"You could not be impertinent. I am sure," said Mab smiling.

"Do you like my brother?" said Susie.
Mab hesitated, then said:
"Yes, very much indeed."
"I am so glad," said Susie, "so very glad. He is infatuated with this woman, that is all; he does not love her. Before she came to Sydney he was always pleased to be with you. You must help me to save him from her. Will you?"

"How can I?" said Mab.
"Leave it to me. I have not known you very long, Mab, but I wish Geoff was in love with you. I think he is, if he only knew it."
Mab smiled a little sadly as she said:
"I do not think so."

"Confide in me. Do you love him?"
"I hardly know," said Mab. "He has been so kind; so have you. I don't think it would be difficult for me to love him, at any rate I think with you it would be a sad mistake if he married Rose Thoreau."
"I am sure it would," said Susie; "when I first met her in Melbourne, I thought I liked her, but I have found out I was mistaken. There is one comfort: she will not be in Sydney very long."

"I wonder when Mrs. Kirkton will leave for England," said Mab.
"When she goes, I hope she will leave you behind. I shall try and persuade her."
"I do not think it would be right to leave her," said Mab.
"Then you must try and persuade her to remain," said Susie cheerfully.

Geoff went to the theatre about ten o'clock, just before the dance came. Reg Baltimore did not regard him with friendly eyes; he had an idea he was trying to secure the chief attraction of the company, and this was not desirable.
I came to see Miss Thoreau; she invited me," said Geoff.

She is just going on for her dance," said Baltimore, making way for him.
Geoff went to the wings, and found Rose in her usual costume—short skirt, showing a good deal of her shapely legs. At the opposite side stood Quinto, glaring at them with savage eyes.
"Look at Castro," said Rose laughing; "he's positively raving with jealousy at the sight of you."

Geoff looked across and saw his scowling face. It was not a pleasant sight.
"He's an admirer of yours," said Geoff.

"He made love to me once, but I soon put a stop to that. I'd have him out of the company, only he's such a fine dancer. Now I must go."

As she went on to the stage, Florence Hayton, who was standing near Castro, thought: "he'll spoil your features for you some night if you drive him too far."
"There's Rose's young man here again," she said to Castro.

He turned on her savagely.
"He's only one of the many fools who come to her call," he said.
"I think I know another," she said.
"Who?"
"Yourself. You're the biggest fool of the lot."

"Perhaps I am."
"Why don't you give it up? There's no chance for you, and there are others."
"I will not give her up," he said quickly.
"If you annoy her there will be trouble."
"There may be," he said as he went on to the stage.

As he took hold of Rose, she whispered:
"If you hurt me to-night I'll complain about you."
"I'll not hurt you—are you afraid?" he said, as he whirled her around.
Sometimes she was almost, but she did not let him see it.
"Dance!" she hissed. "I am afraid of no one."

He responded to her call: they whirled round faster; then, seizing her by the waist, he flung her round several feet above the stage. Again he lifted her, almost as high as his head; it was a daring effort for a man of his strength.

The applause was deafening. Placing his arm round her waist he flung her backwards over it, her head hanging down, upturned to the audience. He pulled her up with a sharp jerk that almost made her teeth rattle. His head was at her throat. Again her head went back with a curious fall, but he did not hurt her this time.

"Much better!" she gasped. "More, Cassy, more! Faster!" she whispered hoarsely.
The intoxication, the delirium of the mad dance was upon them; never had it been better done, and when they stopped, trembling in every limb, the house rose at them, the thunder of applause was tremendous.

"You can't go on again," said Geoff, who was almost as excited as Rose.
"I must," she said, and went on to the stage.
Castro came at her with a bound, seized her in his arms, pressing her close to him, until he felt the beating of her heart. It always maddened him, and he danced like a man possessed.

It was a thrilling finish. At the end he placed his hand at the back of her waist, and appeared to hurl her off the stage. She was so exhausted she fell upon Geoff, who caught her in his arms as Castro slouched off, humming, both hands in his pockets.

"He's a brute," said Geoff.
"It's all right," panted Rose; "it's part of the business, my boy. He never danced better. He's splendid!"
Again and again they appeared on the stage at their respective wings and acknowledged the volleys of cheers. After the performance, Rose said to Geoff:
"Ask him to supper, and Reg Baltimore."

"Ask Quinto?" he said surprised.
"Yes."
"Very well, if you wish."
He found Quinto, and said:
"Will you join Miss Thoreau and myself at supper? Mr. Baltimore is coming."

"It will give me pleasure," said Castro.
Reg Baltimore was pleased. He was glad Castro and Miss Thoreau were on good terms again. He had sometimes been unable to ensure peace between them. He was friendly to Geoff in consequence.
"Didn't he dance splendidly to-night?" said Rose.

"Never saw you to better advantage, both of you," said Reg.
"Magnificent," said Geoff.
"You almost squeezed the life out of me," said Rose.
"I lose my head sometimes," said Castro.
"It is you are the cause," said Geoff.
"Don't get sentimental; you'll spoil the flavour of the oysters. Pass the fizz, Geoff," said Rose.

He looked at her. She seemed in remarkably high spirits. Baltimore also looked at her. "She's up to mischief," he thought, and his hopes fell. "Was there to be more war?"
Castro watched her, his eyes gleaming. He knew she was about to spring a surprise on them. What was it?
"Fill your glasses," she said, "I'll give you a toast."

They did as she requested.
"Health to my future husband, Geoffrey Lovett!" she said, and drained her glass.
Castro Quinto rose to his feet with an oath, dashed the glass to the floor, and strode out of the room.

CHAPTER XVIII.

AT TWO IN THE MORNING.
"Is this a joke?" asked Baltimore angrily.
"Some more of your mischief!"
"We are engaged," said Rose, appealing to Geoff.

"That is so," he said.
"Then you might have kept it from Quinto; you know what he is; there'll be the deuce to pay."
"What do I care for him?" said Rose, snapping her fingers.
"But it is very awkward for me; supposing he refuses to dance," said Baltimore.

He won't; he dare not; he'd lose his engagement, he's stranded," said Rose.
"He's a peculiar fellow; he might be dangerous," said Baltimore. "You have acted injudiciously. You might have kept it to yourself."
Rose was silent; he thought Rose had made a mistake; she had deliberately provoked Quinto.

"Why don't you speak?" she said to him sharply.
"I have nothing to say."
"Are you afraid of our engagement being known?" she sneered.
"No, but you were wrong in announcing it as you did," said Geoff.

"Quite right," said Baltimore. "She was wrong."
"Let us be married this week, and settle the matter," she said.
Geoff laughed. "You are in a hurry," he answered.
"You don't seem to be overjoyed at the prospect."
"You must fulfil your engagement," said Baltimore.

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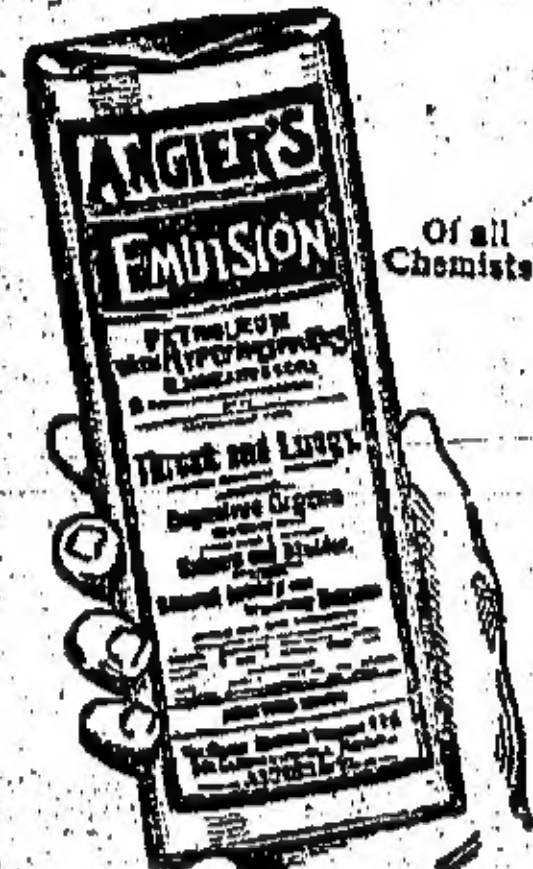
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BUYO MARU	10,500	TUESDAY, 9th April, at Noon.
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VICTORIA, B.C. & TACOMA via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKKAICHI, AND YOKOHAMA.	"TACOMA MARU"	6,176	TUESDAY, 16th April, at 1 P.M.
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TAMUI via SWATOW and AMOY	"DAIJIN MARU"	SUNDAY, 18th Feb., at 10 A.M.
ANPING via SWATOW and AMOY	"SOSHU MARU"	WEDNESDAY, 21st Feb., at 8 A.M.

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Steamer	Tons	Steamer	Tons	
HIMALAYA	7000	MACEDONIA	10500	SATURDAY March 23
ASSAYE	7500	MOREA	11000	FRIDAY March 22
INDIA	8000	Through Steamer		March 30
DEVANHA	8000	MALDANIA	11000	April 13
DELTA	8000	MALDANIA	12500	April 27
ASSAYE	7500	MONGOLIA	10000	May 11
OCIANA	7000	CHINA	8000	May 25
DEVANHA	8000	CHINA	11000	June 8
DELTA	8000	MACEDONIA	10500	June 22
ARCADIA	7000	MOREA	11000	July 6

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SUMATRA	April 17	May 17
NAMUR	May 1	June 14
PALAWAN	May 15	June 29
BORNEO	May 29	July 13
SYRIA	June 12	July 27
NORE	June 26	August 10

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DESTINATIONS	STEAMERS	TONS	SAILING DATES
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, PENANG COLOMBO, SUEZ and PORT SAID	KAMO MARU Capt. F. L. Sommer	9,000	(WEDNESDAY, 28th Feb., at Daylight.
	AKI MARU Capt. K. Homma	7,000	(WEDNESDAY, 13th Mar., at Daylight.
VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKKAICHI, AND YOKOHAMA	INABA MARU Capt. Tomimasa	7,000	(TUESDAY, 27th Feb., at Noon.
	TAMBA MARU Capt. K. Noda	7,000	(TUESDAY, 26th Mar., at Noon.
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE	KAMAKURA MARU Capt. K. Kon	7,000	(SATURDAY, 23rd Mar., from Kobe.
SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	NIKKO MARU Capt. M. Yagi	6,000	(FRIDAY, 15th March, at Noon.
	KUMANO MARU Capt. M. Winkler	6,000	(FRIDAY, 12th April, at Noon.
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE, and COLOMBO	HAKATA MARU Capt. H. Nomura	7,000	(THURSDAY, 22nd February.
KOBE and YOKOHAMA	KAGA MARU Capt. M. Hagino	7,000	(THURSDAY, 29th Feb., A.M.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	KUMANO MARU Capt. M. Winkler	6,000	(WEDNESDAY, 13th Mar., at Noon.
SHANGHAI & KOBE	KIRIN MARU Capt. Deguchi	4,000	(MONDAY, 26th February.
SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE	COLOMBO MARU Capt. J. Terasaka	5,000	(WEDNESDAY, 28th February.

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AKI	7,000	K. Homma	March 13th.
MISHIMA	9,000	A. C. Moses	March 27th.
KAGA	7,000	M. Hagino	April 10th.
ATSUTA	9,000	Wm. Thompson	April 24th.
ITACHI	7,000	T. Yamawaki	May 8th.
MIYASAKI	9,000	T. Murai	May 22nd.
INABA MARU	7,000	S. Tomimasa	February 27th.
TAMBA	7,000	K. Noda	March 26th.
SAVUKI	7,000	T. Yamawaki	April 9th.
INABA	7,000	S. Tomimasa	April 23rd.

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